Conditioned vehicles, sightseeing, Darshan, visit to holy places, etc. is scheduled to run as Maha Parinirvan Special w.e.f. 28.03.2007 covering Lumbini, Sarnath, Bodhgaya, Kushinagar, Nalanda, Sravasti and also Taj Mahal & Fatehpur Sikri in Agra. Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has planned to run 11 trips during 2007 and other 6 trips in 2008 upto March (depending on its reception) with each trip having a duration of 8 days. The option of undertaking partial journey for a minimum duration of 3 nights is also available to the passengers.

Superfast/Rajdhani Express from Visakhapatnam to New Delhi

1325. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Visakhapatnam, an industrially developed city, needs a Superfast/Rajdhani Express from Visakhapatnam to New Delhi;

(b) whether his Ministry is seriously considering to run a Superfast Express at par Tamil Nadu Express or any other Rajdhani Express from Secunderabad *via* Visakhapatnam, Raipur, Bina, Agra and Delhi to fulfil the long pending demand of the people of Visakhapatnam; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Visakhapatnam-Delhi sector is being served by following pairs of trains:—

1. 2807/2808 Nizamuddin-Visakhapatnam Samata Express (Tri-weekly) *via* Raipur, Bina.
2. 2803/2804 Nizamuddin-Visakhapatnam Swarnajayanti Express (Bi-weekly) *via* Vijayawada, Bina.
3. 2861/2862 Nizamuddin-Visakhapatnam Dakshin Link Express (daily) *via* Vijayawada, Bina.
4. 8507/8508 Visakhapatnam-Nizamuddin Hirakud Express (Tri-weekly) *via* Bhubaneswar, Bilaspur.

These are considered adequate for the existing level of traffic offering between this sector.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Due to operational and resource constraints.

Compensation to dependents of victims of rail accidents

†1326. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed in railway accidents which took place during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 and the amount of compensation given to the relatives of the deceased;

(b) whether he had announced to give employment in the Railways to the dependents of the persons killed in these railway accidents; and

(c) the total number of dependents of the deceased, who have been given employment, so far alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The number of persons killed in consequential train accidents during 2004-05 and 2005-06 and the amount of compensation paid are as under:

Year	Killed	Compensation Paid
2004-05	236	Rs. 277.92 lakhs
2005-06	315	Rs. 89.63 lakhs

(b) and (c) During this period, considering the various aspects and seriousness of the case, the Hon'ble Minister of Railways has announced to give employment in the Railways to one dependent of the persons killed in the accident of Train No. 415, Delta Fast Passenger, on 29.10.2005 near Valigonda. So far, 74 applications for employment have been received from the dependents of the 115 deceased, arid these are under process.

†Onginal notice of the question was received in Hindi